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SUMMARY: TURKISH MEDIA OVER WEEKEND CLOSELY FOLLOWED CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS, WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS ON SUNDAY GIVEN TO WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT CHARACTERIZING DENKTASH PROPOSALS

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AS PROGRESSIVE AND POSITIVE. WE HAVE SEEN NO EDITORIAL REACTION SO FAR, AND ONLY DOMESTIC CRITICISM OF DENKTASH INITIATIVE HAS COME FROM NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN.
END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE DOMESTIC STORIES GRABBED MAJOR HEADLINES IN WEEKEND NEWSPAPER COVERAGE, CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS WERE REPORTED PROMINENTLY

IN ALL MAJOR PAPERS. SATURDAY, STORIES FOCUSED ON KYPRIANOU'S REJECTION OF DENKTASH INITIATIVE AND CRITICISM LEVELLED AT GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER BY VAROSHA REFUGEES. SATURDAY PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT THE DENKTASH PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE U.N. IN NEW YORK.

2. SUNDAY, ALL MAJOR PAPERS GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON DENKTASH PROPOSAL. IT WAS LEAD ITEM ON JULY 22 MID-DAY TRT/RADIO NEWSCAST. IN MOST CASES, REPORTING OF STATEMENT WAS AN ELEMENT OF REPORTING ON OTHER CYPRUS-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS. BOTH CUMHURIYET AND HURRIYET, HOWEVER, COMBINED WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT WITH EMBARGO-RELATED REPORTING FROM THE U.S.. IN NEITHER CASE WAS A DIRECT LINK MADE BETWEEN THE STATEMENT AND EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

3. AS OF MONDAY, JULY 24, THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL REACTION TO DENKTASH PROPOSAL OR RELATED HAPPENINGS. ON THE OTHER HAND, MEDIA HAS CHOSEN TO PLAY CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS IN PROMINENT AND POSITIVE MANNER.

4. ONLY DOMESTIC CRITICISM TO SURFACE SO FAR HAS COME FROM LEADER OF NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, NECMETTIN ERBAKAN. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 22, ERBAKAN TOLD REPORTERS HE IS PLEASED THAT KYPRIANOU REJECTED THE DENKTASH PROPOSAL, SINCE MAKING ONE CONCESSION WOULD ONLY LEAD TO OTHERS. ERBAKAN REITERATED HIS PARTY'S POSITION THAT MAINTENANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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